

Board of Selectmen

Town of Upton



Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes of the Upton Board of Selectmen
April 6, 2010

Location: Fire & EMS Headquarters, 20 Church Street – 2nd floor training room.

Present: Chairman Kenneth E. Picard, Selectman Michael E. Goodwin, Selectman Robert J. Fleming and Department Coordinator Karen L. Varney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Appropriation Treasury Warrant in the amount of \$12,277.89 and Payroll Treasury Warrant in the amount of \$80,421.47 approved as submitted.

Motion # 1: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 23, 2010 with the deletion of line #85. Second: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

Motion # 2: Selectman Fleming motioned to approve the meeting minutes of March 30, 2010 as submitted. Second: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

Chairman Picard confirmed that the DPW Consultant, Larry Bombara reviewed the highway wages shortfall (FY10) and is comfortable in moving forward to place this on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Regarding the Enterprise Accounts, Chairman Picard spoke with the Town Accountant Fred Aponte and asked him to validate the projected revenue figures he compiled. Mr. Aponte noted they were right on target. He also had a discussion with the Treasure/Collector to confirm revenue receipts. Chairman Picard will submit this budget to the Board next week.

The Annual Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed with a few changes made. The Personnel Board has added Articles, one being the AD&D (Accidental Death and Dismemberment) Insurance.

The Board has some questions relative to the MURSD override consideration and will invite the Finance Committee to their meeting next week for further discussion. Also, the Capital Budget Committee is meeting this evening and the Board is looking forward to their recommendations.

In a discussion relative to the completion of the Main Street Water Main Replacement project, it was the Boards understanding that this project was done. Selectman Fleming said he

45 thought Robert Sims, of PARE Corporation was going to report back to the Board with his
46 recommendation. Chairman Picard made a statement saying he has not been pleased with the
47 response with PARE Corporation with the process. Selectman Fleming stated, as part of PARE's
48 contract obligation, they need to come back to the Board with their determination as to any final
49 payment that may be due. The Board agreed to wait and hold (until notified by Mr. Sims).

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51 Discussion held on the storm water damage repairs, specifically on the Glen Ave and
52 Christian Hill area. Other locations have also experienced some damage. DPW Consultant Larry
53 Bombara and Highway Superintendent John Johnson are working on the repairs. It was noted
54 that Christian Hill will be closed during these repairs. A week before this road closure, a letter
55 will be sent to the residents notifying them.

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57 A copy of a memorandum from Mendon-Upton Regional School District Superintendent
58 Antonio J. Fernandes, Jr., to the Treasurer/Collector requesting payment for media related
59 materials from the Risteen Fund. Selectman Fleming said funds from the Risteen Trust Fund
60 Claus "C" are allowed under the doctrine of Cy Pres which will enable the Town to convey
61 certain funds held in trust for educational purposes in the public schools.

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63 Motion # 3: Selectman Fleming Motioned to approve the amount of \$51,189.73 from the Risteen
64 Trust Claus C to the Mendon-Upton Regional School District. Second: Selectman Goodwin.
65 Unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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67 Chairman Picard said the Town is very fortunate to have this Trust Fund available to the
68 School to draw from.

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70 Correspondence reviewed:

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- 72 1. Notice from Nationalgrid, implementing a new system in answering related emergency
73 calls. (Copy to the Fire and Police Departments).
- 74 2. Email response from Oak Knoll Lane resident. (The Board stays with their decision).
- 75 3. Request from the Men's Club for signage approval. (Approval granted).
- 76 4. Letter from a Milford St resident re: MURSD funding.
- 77 5. Notice of price increase from Comcast.
- 78 6. Suburban Coalition Annual Legislative Breakfast April 27th
- 79 7. Notification to abutters: notice of Intent: Peppercorn Hill
- 80 8. Unsigned letter of concern.
- 81 9. Proposed DPW FY11 Capital Improvement plan.
- 82 10. Legal Notice (Chapter Land) received from Ablitt Law Offices.
- 83 11. Notice of filing and Public Hearing from Dept. of Public Utilities.
- 84 12. Notice from Governor Deval Patrick Re: Chapter 90 apportionment for FY11 is
85 \$239,024.00.
- 86 13. Certification from Treasurer, BVRSD Re: School Budget for FY2011.

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88 Motion # 4: Selectman Goodwin Motioned to approve the request form the Men's Club to place
89 four-A frame type signs promoting their 12th Annual Charity Auction (April 10th). Signs will be
90 removed on April 9th. Second: Selectman Fleming, unanimous: Chairman Picard.

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The Board approved the itinerary submitted by the AA for the new Town Manager, Blythe Robinson for next week.

In closing, Chairman Picard said he will invite the Finance Committee to the Boards Tuesday meeting. Selectman Fleming noted that the Board needs firm numbers before they can respond to the possible general override request for the M-U Regional School District.

Motion # 5: Chairman Picard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Second: Selectman Goodwin, unanimous: Selectman Fleming.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Varney, Department Coordinator